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COUNTRY PolandTOPIC Airfield of LODZ-RUDA PABJANICKA

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REMARKS

1. The former German improvised airfield of LODZ-RUDA PABJANICKA (Q 52/O 93), whose hangars were destroyed, had no runway. German PWs have been engaged since August 1945 in grading work, the construction of a runway, a semi-circular taxiway and 30 trapezoidal parking sites. A Soviet Air Force major had been the CO and was in charge of construction work until March 1946, when he was replaced by Polish Air Force Major BACZINSKI, who, together with the PWs, was transferred to the GDYNIA (Q 55/Y 44) airfield in January 1947. He was allegedly later executed. German PWs and German women worked at the airfield. The Polish Air Force Bn No. 1 guarded the PWs and supervised the work done at the field.
2. The airfield, about 2,500 x 5,800 feet, is located about 1,600 feet southwest of the town border of LODZ and south of the RR line. The east-west runway was 200 x 4,000 feet. The taxiway was 50 x 5,200 feet. Parking sites of two different sizes were constructed outside the taxiway and runway. One new hangar was being built from the building material salvaged from the two destroyed hangars. Two barracks blocks, occupied by about 1,000 Air Force personnel, were located about 4,300 feet east of the field. The PW camp was beside the barracks.
3. Thirty Soviet single-engine ground attack aircraft (two-seaters and several trainers and commercial aircraft were parked at the field. The pilots were Soviets, but the ground personnel were Poles. There was intensive flying, including formation flying. All aircraft had Polish national insignias.

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